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(B) HELSINKI 1899

(C) USUN 3699, OCT. 6, 1972

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH A CONFRONTATION WITH GOS ON GIBRALTAR ISSUE. HOWEVER, AS SUITABLE OCCASION ARISES, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MAKE FOLLOWING GENERAL POINTS TO LOPEZ RODO:

(A) USG IS PERPLEXED THAT GOS NOW SEEMS TO BE ASKING US TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF TWO GOOD FRIENDS (REFS A AND B). THIS WAS NOT THE CASE WHEN GIBRALTAR WAS DISCUSSED BY THEN-FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ BRAVO AND THE SECRET

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SECRETARY IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 1972 (REF C).

(B) SECRETARY HAS CONSISTENTLY AGREED TO GOS REQUEST THAT HE SPEAK TO DOUGLAS-HOME REGARDING GIBRALTAR AND HAS DONE SO IN THE SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF STRICT NEUTRALITY (REFS B AND C). USG IS NOT PREPARED TO GO BEYOND THIS, SINCE IT WOULD NOT INFLUENCE BRITISH AND NOT BE HELPFUL.

(C) WE CONSIDER GIBRALTAR AND ROTA TO BE TWO SEPARATE QUESTIONS WHICH IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO LINK.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S OPINION WHETHER THIS GOS DEMARCHE ON GIBRALTAR (WHICH IS MUCH TOUGHER AND MORE EXPLICIT THAN THE ONE MADE BY LOPEZ RODO TO THE SECRETARY IN HELSINKI) IS IN THE NATURE OF A PLOY REPRESENTING GOS FRUSTRATIONS OVER THE BRITISH REFUSAL TO BUDGE ON GIBRALTAR OR IS A SERIOUS CONDITION (FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF ROTA) WHICH THE GOS KNOWS THE USG CANNOT MEET. ROGERS

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